

Editor's Corner

I would like here to give special recognition to the activities and contributions of the Mosquito Entomology Project (MEP) (also see Mosq. Syst. 6(3): 228. 1974). This project was initiated on June 1, 1974, as a Smithsonian Institution project under the auspices of a contract from the U. S. Army Medical Research and Development Command. Special recognition is due to both of these agencies for keeping highly functional this activity which is so important to mosquito workers around the world.

A primary objective of MEP is to conduct biosystematic research on arthropods of medical importance. In addition, MEP performs curation and research on the national collection of mosquitoes at the National Museum of Natural History (USNM), Smithsonian Institution.

During the past year, MEP staff members published 3 monographs on mosquito systematics and prepared camera-ready copy for 3 more. These monographs contained 1054 pages, including 306 full-page illustrations. In addition, a number of short papers were published. The quality of these publications is outstanding and our knowledge of mosquito systematics has been immeasurably enriched because of their preparation. Also it is proper to point out that "A Catalog of the Mosquitoes of the World" by Knight and Stone, released in 1977, was extensively contributed to by the staff of MEP. Incidentally, a supplement updating the Catalog through 1977 is scheduled to be published in late summer of this year. MEP contributions to this effort have been considerable.

Special Note. Word has just been received from Dr. Botha de Meillon that Dr. Johanna Bonne Wepster died in Amsterdam on May 4, 1978. Dr. Bonne-Wepster's contributions to culicidology were many. Her passing is noted with sorrow.